

CORPORATION TAX LAW IS SUSTAINED

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The Supreme Court has sustained the constitutionality of the corporation tax.

The fight against the constitutionality of the corporation tax began almost immediately after the enactment of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law of 1909, of which it is a part. During the long days of wrangling in Congress over that measure, President Taft originated a plan to raise part of the revenue necessary for the running of the government by imposing a corporation tax. He is said to have made the first rough draft of the proposed law and to have asked the department of justice to perfect it.

The provisions of the law state that the tax is a "special excise tax with respect to the carrying on or doing of business." It is to be paid by "every corporation, joint stock company or association, organized for profit and having a capital stock represented by

shares, and every insurance company," organized under the laws of the United States or of any state or territory. It is provided that the tax shall be "equivalent to one per centum upon the entire net income over and above \$5000 received from all sources," exclusive of amounts received as dividends upon stock of other corporations, joint stock companies, or associations, or insurance companies, subject to the tax.

The law provides also that returns shall be made by those taxed to the treasury department, to be used as a basis for assessing the tax. These were open to inspection, but in 1910 Congress enacted legislation providing that the returns should be open to inspection only upon rules and regulations approved by the President.

SEA TRAGEDY RELATED UNDER OATH, SCHOONER LIGHT SEEN FROM KUKUI AFTER COLLISION

An investigation concerning the sinking of the *Moi Wahine* as a result of the collision with the light house tender *Kukui* on Monday night February 27, was begun this morning before Captain Howes and Thomas J. Heney, United States local inspectors of vessels.

Only two witnesses had been examined up to a quarter to twelve, when the inquiry was adjourned until half-past one this afternoon.

Captain Howes Asks.

F. Karigar, captain of the *Kukui* stated that he was bound to Honolulu from Kahului when the collision occurred. The sea was smooth—there was hardly a ripple to be seen. It was pitch dark, but the stars were shining clearly. Witness was asleep when the collision took place, so he could not say what time it was. The second mate was on the bridge at the time of the collision. The second mate held a first mate's license. Witness had held a captain's license since 1907. In describing the collision, witness said:

"I awoke with a start and jumped from the settee. I could not tell what had awakened me. The second mate came in, but by that time the engines had been stopped. They must have stopped because I did not hear the bell ring."

Captain Howes—"Are't you merely the sailing master on that vessel?"

Saw Green Light.

Karigar—"That's all." Continuing, he said, "When I got in the chart house, the helm was hard astarboard. I never backed the engines. The minute I went into the pilot house I went ahead with the starboard engine. That was for the purpose of turning, as the mate had told me that the light of

the schooner was abaft. I saw a green light after I came on deck. I could not see the outline of the schooner; it was too dark. I headed the ship for the green light. We were close by it. I steadied the ship by the light. I gave the order to go ahead on the starboard engine, but the light soon disappeared. We were going slowly—about 48-50 on the starboard engines. That was the last I saw of the green light. I never saw any other light. At no time did I make out the schooner herself. I had the searchlight thrown down, as I could tell the exact spot where she had been. According to my judgment the green light was not farther than a quarter of a mile away. It might have been closer. I maneuver-

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FOR RECOUNT AT ELECTIONS

The Senate special committee of Oahu members to whom was referred senate bill 33 to amend Act 118, 1909, repealing chapter 11, have reported that in most, if not all, of the states and territories, some provision is made for a recount of the votes cast at elections and they believe that the act with the amendments will facilitate and improve the method now in vogue. The act applies to the city and county of Honolulu, and no other county.

CHINESE STILL CORNER TARO

Today the Kalihi poi factory, Albert Waterhouse, manager, is supplying all poi called for at the factory.

The Chinese taro growers, however, still refuse to deliver their taro there for manufacture into poi.

"We shall run short," says Mr. Waterhouse, "unless the Chinese come through. They are holding out and we are still pulling our own taro, which will not last long at the rate the poi is being consumed."

The Chinese refuse to deliver taro to the Kalihi factory, which is being operated under board of health regulations, presumably for the reason that the health authorities have closed the Chinese poi shops on account of cholera.

The annual meeting of the Anti-Saloon League of Honolulu will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Chamber of Commerce rooms, 307 Stangenwald Building.

WHITE RESIDENTS ARE LEAVING MAKIKI ON ACCOUNT OF TENEMENT

A meeting of the Kaahumanu Improvement club has been called for this evening, at 7:30, at the residence of T. J. King.

Among the matters to come up will be the further regulation of the tenement evil. The Kaahumanu club is the club which originally started the agitation against tenements in the residence districts, and procured the existing law on the subject. It failed to get rid of existing tenements, however, and conditions have grown so much worse, it is stated, that people are moving out of the district on account of Japanese tenements.

Three families moved out of one block during the past two weeks, and it has been found impossible to rent the houses, in spite of dozens of homeseekers visiting them to look at them, on account of the conditions created by the tenements in the same block. Of late the occupants of the block have been making night hideous with noisy celebrations.

HOUSE DENIES Y. M. C. A. EXEMPTION FROM TAXES

This was killing day in the House, urging the educational work of the society. It had enrolled 270 students this fiscal year. All other public and private schools are exempt already.

On recommending of the finance committee, the introducer consenting, Kanehwa's bill to change the license fees for billiard tables was tabled.

Makekau's bill to revive the license fees for draying, etc., met a like fate.

Marcellino's bill to exempt the Y. M. C. A. from taxation was condemned by a majority report of the finance committee, signed by Chairman Rice, Watkins, Williamson, Makekau, Hale and Correa, who felt "that it would be creating a dangerous precedent in granting immunity from taxation to the whole property of any institution, which is used for various purposes, because of a claim advanced on behalf of any particular department or branch of its work."

Cooke presented a minority report

ARMY AUTHORITIES WANT BETTER IWILEI CONDITIONS

It was "Ladies' Day" at the police court this morning, for no less than thirty-four women figured on the calendar. Thirty-two of these were arrested as the result of a police raid on the notorious Iwilei district. There were twenty Japanese, seven Porto Ricans, three French and two Portuguese.

The arrests were made in consequence of a report from the commandant at Fort Shafter, relating to cases of sickness among the soldiers which had been traced to the Iwilei district. The police are at a loss to know how to deal with the question of getting this district cleaned up. It is suggested, in some quarters, that the Federal authorities take the matter up.

IF NOT WHY NOT ASKS THE SENATE

A resolution by Senator Baker was this day adopted in the upper house, which will for ever be known as the "If not, why not?" resolution. It propounds questions to the public lands commissioner:

"Is Kioloku, Kau, occupied of the Hutchinson Sugar Co., regarded as public land? What revenue? What are the terms?"

"Is it true that the land was assumed to have been sold by King Kalakaua through whom certain parties claim title?"

"Was it crown land? Did Kalakaua have title?"

"What has the government done to recover the land? If not, why not?"

NO NEED OF INTERVENTION AT PRESENT

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NEW YORK, March 13.—Secretary Dickinson has deferred his departure to settle differences with the Panama railroad and steamships. He says he does not believe the troops will enter Mexico and there would be no excuse for intervention now. A big force would be required on account of the length of the border.

Chihuahua Besieged.

EL PASO, March 13.—Chihuahua is besieged and famine is facing its 25,000 inhabitants.

Mines for Defense.

AGUA PRIETA, March 13.—Mines have been planted for defense as another rebel attack is expected.

British Interests Safe.

LONDON, March 13.—Under Foreign Secretary Wood stated in the House of Commons today that he had no reason to believe that British interests in Mexico are endangered, or that Mexico is unable to protect them.

Roosevelt in It.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 13.—Colonel Roosevelt addressed the troops mobilized here.

BALLINGER GOES.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Secretary Ballinger has retired.

ANOTHER OPIUM FIND.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Opium valued at \$6000 was seized on the Mongolia.

RUSSIA STANDS PAT.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—The Russian Minister at Peking has been instructed to make clear Russia's firmness in regard to consular and commercial privileges at Ili in Mongolia.

MORNING CABLE REPORT.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—President Madero of the Provisional government of Mexico, in a circular note, has guaranteed the safety of foreigners and their property in the revolutionary zone.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Jose Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, denies the report that he expects to succeed Diaz.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 12.—In a desperate fight at the Pueblo of San Bartolillo, the insurgents were defeated. The Federals used artillery. It is reported that fifty rebels were killed, eleven wounded and twenty-seven captured.

EL PASO, March 13.—Conditions bordering on panic exist in northern Mexico. The insurgents are seizing all food supplies, destroying means of communication and besieging towns. There is distress, in various quarters, for lack of food. There was a fight along the railroad line near the border yesterday in which 500 rebels and 300 Federals were engaged. Many Americans watched the fighting from automobiles and removed wounded revolutionists, who would have received no quarter.

OSAKA, March 13.—Over 400,000 Japanese watched the successful flights of aviators Mars and Baldwin yesterday.

CHOLERA SITUATION

Cases to date.....29
Deaths to date.....22
New suspects.....2

There have been eighteen days of the cholera and but twenty-nine cases, twenty-two victims dying. The Saturday suspect, that of a Punchbowl Portuguese woman, developed as a case of the Asiatic cholera, that being case No. 28.

Case No. 29 is that of the ninety-year-old Hawaiian woman from near Gulick avenue, Kalihi, who died yesterday and whose case this morning was officially declared to be cholera. The two new suspects, born contacts, are a man from Kalihi and a

woman from Manoa. Both are in quarantine.

The Kalihi locality is the latest of the foci of the disease, there having been no new foci prior to that case for over a week. It is believed by the health authorities that the son-in-law of the ninety-year-old Kalihi woman, who was the only member of the family to come downtown and return home again, was the cause of taking the

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WORK BEGUN

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NEW RICE MILL.

The K. Yamamoto Rice Mill is the largest as well as the finest in the islands. All machinery is of the very latest pattern. The famous Tengu Rice is cleaned at this mill. With the large cleaning capacity they are able to handle considerable outside particular work which they guarantee.

THE WEEK AT SACHS.

The sale of Figured Wash Dress Goods and Linen and Bath Towels which begins Monday at Sachs will be a record breaker. This sale lasts for just one week and will interest every housewife who appreciates economy.